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**Office Action Summary**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizumoto et al. (6,393,299) in view of Pascoe et al. (4,245,355).

As per claims 1, 5-8, 12-15, and 19-21, Mizumoto et al. disclose a broadband TX/RX communication system having an antenna (fig. 1/no. 1, fig. 7/no. 1), a frequency converter apparatus (fig. 1/no. EX1, fig. 4/no. EX2, fig. 5/no. EX3, fig. 6/EX4) for RF signals coupled to the antenna by a first interface (see fig. 4, where it is clear that the multi input/output RF signals are to the left of the converter), a modulation circuitry (fig. 1/no. 8 & 12, fig. 7/no. 8 & 12) coupled to the converter by a second interface (multi input/output RF signals are to the right of the converter) for receiving or transmitting each of the bands at a common intermediate frequency, wherein the converter comprises a first interface (see above) for transmitting or receiving signals in a broadband spectrum, sideband selection circuit elements (fig. 4/no. 41-42, 161-162) coupled to the first interface for up-conversion or down-conversion of the signals to and from an IF, a second interface (see above) coupled to the circuit elements for receiving

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and transmitting at the IF, and an on-chip voltage-controlled oscillator (see fig. 4/no. 191-192, 201-201, fig. 7/no. 18-19) coupled to at least one of the circuit elements through one of frequency multiplication circuitry (col. 9/ln. 30-35) for generating a local-oscillator signal to that circuit element for conversion between the IF frequency and the receive or transmit frequency in the broadband spectrum. Mizumoto et al. do not specifically suggested that the converter is integrated on an IC. However, such is notoriously well known in the art, as suggest by Pascoe et al. (fig. 5A, col. 6ln. 14-16). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide such IC frequency converter to the radio communication system of Mizumoto et al. in order to simplify the circuitry and thus facilitate fabrication but also reduce space and cost.

As per claims 2, 9 and 16, the modified radio communication system of Mizumoto et al. further disclose the on-chip VCO is coupled to two or more of the circuit elements, providing a different frequency to each (see Mizumoto et al., fig. 4/no. 191-192, fig. 7/no. 18-19).

As per claims 3, 10, and 17, the modified radio communication system of Mizumoto et al. further disclose the broadband spectrum is divided into distinct sub-bands, each coupled to one of the sideband selection circuit elements (see Mizumoto et al., fig. 4/no. 191-192, fig. 7/no. 18-19, col. 5/ln. 44-col. 6/ln. 42).

As per claims 4, 11, and 18, the modified radio communication system of Mizumoto et al. further disclose the VCO, through frequency multiplication or division provides the LO frequency for up-conversion or down-conversion to three or more of

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the sideband selection circuit elements (see Mizumoto et al., fig. 4/no. 191-192, fig. 7/no. 18-19, also see col. 5/ln. 44-col. 6/ln. 42, col. 9/ln. 30-35).

### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pablo Tran whose telephone number is (571)272-7898. The examiner normal hours are 9:30 -5:00 (Monday-Friday). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571)272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-directauspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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